REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended. Claims 6, 8, 12 and 18-24 were previously cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-5, 7, 9-11 and 13-17 are presented for examination.

Claim Objections

Claim 9 is objected for depending on cancelled claim 8.

Claim 9 has been amended. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-11, 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee, U.S. Patent No. 7,047,561 ("Lee") in view of Inoue et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,167,513 ("Inoue").

Claim 1, as amended, recites:

A method comprising:
transmitting a packet via a mobile node;
establishing a policy manager on the mobile node, the policy manager having a set of policies represented by filters;
via the filters, dynamically determining whether to apply a mobile internet protocol (IP) to the packet by examining one or more of a type of the packet via a first filter of the filters or a destination of the packet via a second filter of the filters; and
associating the mobile IP to the packet if the packet does not match with any of the filters or not associating the mobile IP to the packet if the packet matches with any of the filters.
(emphasis added).

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the references and the pending claims. However, for the sake of expediting issuance of this case, Applicants propose additional amendments to the pending claims and submit the following remarks.

Lee discloses "a firewall for use in association with real-time Internet applications such as Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). The firewall applies an application proxy to the signaling and control channels and a packet filter to the bearer channels. One of the features of hybrid firewall is that the application proxy can instruct the packet filter as to which bearer channels to enable and disable for the duration of a real-time Internet application session. The hybrid firewall can also intelligently perform network address translation (NAT) on Internet protocol packets incoming and outgoing to the firewall." (Abstract).

Inoue discloses a "mobile computing scheme capable of carrying out a proper packet transfer according to a current location of the mobile computer by accounting for the network operating policy. A mobile computer carries out a prescribed communication processing according to recognition results as to whether the mobile computer is located inside or outside the home network at which a mobile computer management device of the mobile computer is provided, and whether or not there exists a packet processing device which has a packet transmitted by at least one of the mobile computer and a correspondent computer as an encryption and authentication processing target." (Abstract).

In contrast, claim 1, as amended, in pertinent part, recites "the policy manager having a set of policies represented by filters; via the filters, dynamically determining whether to apply a mobile internet protocol (IP) to the packet by examining one or more

of a type of the packet via a first filter of the filters or a destination of the packet via a second filter of the filters; and associating the mobile IP to the packet if the packet does not match with any of the filters or not associating the mobile IP to the packet if the packet matches with any of the filters". (emphasis added). Lee and Inoue, neither individually nor when combined, teach or reasonably suggest at least this feature of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 7 and 13 contain limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7 and 13 and their dependent claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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